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1. Accomplishments

a. Branch Projects Submitted

31.1637. The Egyptian Land Armaments Industry.
24.802. Imports of Metalworking Machinery by Communist China.

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37.1662. Report on US-USSR Guided Missile Exchange Proposals.

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b. Other Projects Submitted

00.1117. Economic Aspects of the Soviet Guided Missile Programs.
10.805. Chinese Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1962.
10.1536. Evaluation of the Five-Year Plans of the European Satellites.
40.1072. NIE 26, USSR Section 65, Trade and Finance.
42.1653. Availability of Military Equipment for Export by the USSR to the Middle East.

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c. Special Research

During October, D/I branches spent 189 hours on special research.

d. Other

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riefed ONE during October on the status of Part III of NIE 11-5-56 (Guided Missiles).

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(3) [redacted] I/ME) presented in the OCI
81 [redacted] the subject of costing of
the military program of the USSR.

(4) Discussions were conducted during the month with the Board of National Estimate on terms of reference for NIE 11-1-57 (Air Defense).

(5) After considerable negotiation, ORR finally received the JAEIC request for economic intelligence support for NIE 11-2-57. Much of the preliminary work had been accomplished by the time of receipt of this request: a) an area-wide research project (ORR Project 30.1646) had been initiated; b) a coordinator for nuclear energy matters for ERA had been appointed and an ad hoc committee on the subject had been organized; c) a section in the Military Economics Branch had been established to work on the overall economic intelligence aspects of the Soviet nuclear energy program. A memorandum replying to the JAEIC request was prepared for the Assistant Director's signature outlining the areas of research which were undertaken and the expected results of this research. In addition, meetings were held with representatives from OSI and [redacted] organization for briefing ORR on the availability and location of already collected information of the subject. ORR is currently pressing research to satisfy the JAEIC request on a very high priority.

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(6) Although the formal contribution to Part III of NIE 11-5-55 (Guided Missiles) was completed and submitted to the OMIC, the Part IV Committee for this estimate has changed the postulated program and I/GM has completed and submitted a cost estimate of the revised program.

2. Training

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